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Reporting for the week ending September 26, 2010.

General

Temperatures were above normal most of last week across the state, with scattered showers over much of the state. However, autumn's cooler temperatures moved into Arkansas over the weekend. High temperatures ranged from 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Harrison to 101 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Low temperatures ranged from 51 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 65 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The greatest precipitation amounts for the week were in Dardanelle with 1.31 inches, followed by Camden with 1.03 inches. Twenty-five of the 36 reporting stations were still behind normal precipitation levels year-to-date. Topsoil moisture supplies were reported to be 26 percent very short, 39 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 28 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 33 percent adequate. Farmers averaged 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops

Last week corn harvest reached 99 percent complete. Ninety-eight percent of the cotton crop was opening bolls, with 39 percent of the crop harvested. The rice crop was 99 percent ripe and 82 percent harvested. Sorghum harvest was 99 percent complete by week's end. Soybeans yellowing reached 77 percent, with 62 percent shedding, 46 percent mature, and 33 percent harvested by week's end. Producers had 3 percent of the winter wheat crop planted by week's end. Corn and Sorghum harvest was almost finished last week and producers continued to harvest rice, cotton, and soybeans. Producers were applying defoliants and boll openers to the remaining cotton. Irrigation of late season soybeans continued in some areas of the state. Producers continued to prepare fields to plant winter wheat.

Livestock

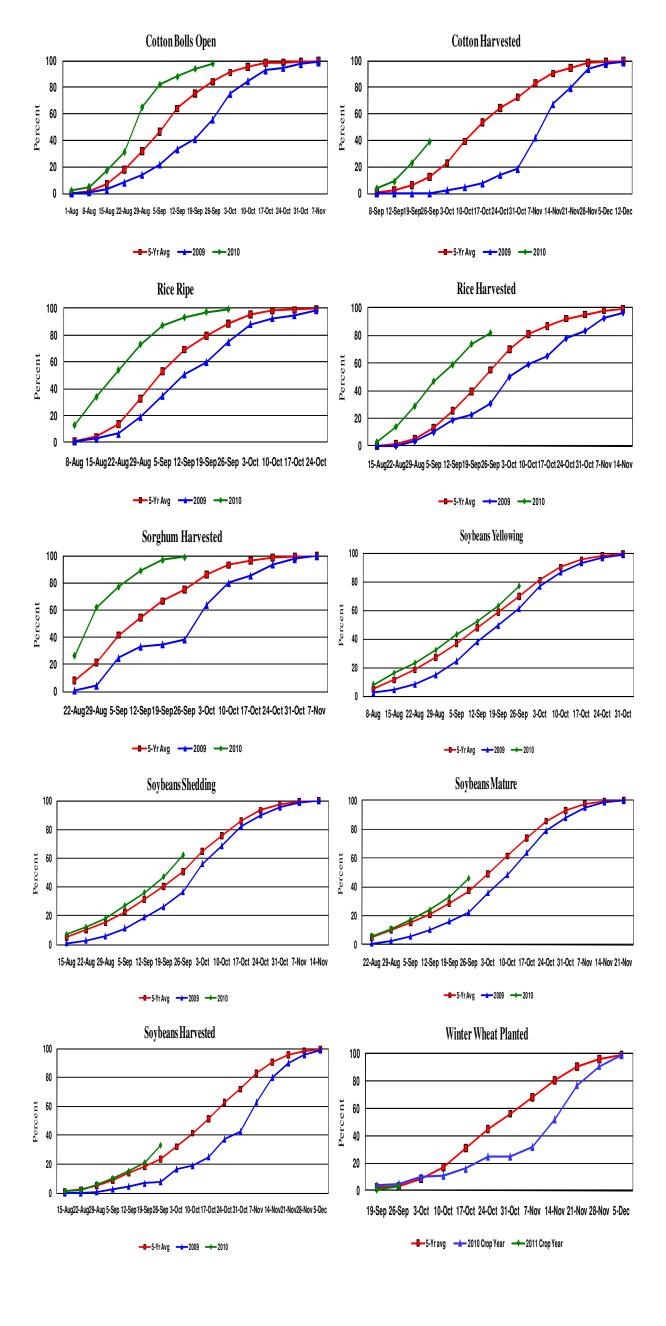
Livestock were mostly in fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range and hay crop conditions were mostly poor to fair. There were reports last week of heavy infestation of army worms on forages and pastures. Some producers were still harvesting hay, as others were bush-hogging, liming, and seeding pastures. More producers began feeding hay last week.

Percent of Progress

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Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2009	5-Year Avg				
Corn	Harvested	99	97	59	83				
Cotton	Opening Bolls	98	94	56	84				
	Harvested	39	23	0	12				
Rice	Ripe	99	97	75	88				
	Harvested	82	74	31	55				
Sorghum	Harvested	99	97	38	75				
Soybeans	Yellowing	77	63	61	70				
	Shedding	62	47	36	50				
	Mature	46	33	22	37				
	Harvested	33	21	8	23				
Winter Wheat	Planted	3	1	5	3				

Condition in Percentages

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Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Cotton	1	4	23	45	27		
Soybean	6	19	33	33	9		
Hay-Alfalfa	5	12	71	11	1		
Hay-Other	10	28	42	20	0		
Pasture and Range	13	33	35	19	0		



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 26, 2010									
		Tempe ratures				Rainfall			
					Wk Ending		4 wk		to-Date
District	Station	High	Low	Normal *	Sep 26	Accum	Normal	2010	Normal
Northwest	Egyattavilla	90	51	2	0.01	4.41	4.51	27.62	24.02
Northwest	Fayetteville	89	51	3	0.01	4.41	4.51	37.63	34.03
	Harrison	88	52	5	0.09	10.92	3.81	42.87	32.92
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	53	3	0.18	6.23	3.80	39.81	33.26
	Gilbert	90	55	3	0.39	6.02	3.49	39.32	32.23
	Greers Ferry	94	57	4	0.32	3.16	3.76	35.87	36.10
	Mtn. Home	89	56	6	0.21	7.09	4.06	42.57	32.68
Northeast	Batesville	94	56	5	0.03	2.89	3.32	35.41	33.92
1 (Of the dist	Blytheville	97	51	7	0.00	0.18	2.93	20.27	37.18
	Jonesboro	97	60	7	0.00	3.09	2.86	24.28	33.02
	Keiser		59		0.00				
		99		9		1.05	3.38	28.72	36.75
	Newport	93	58	4	0.00	1.91	3.26	32.09	34.83
W. Central	Booneville	94	58	4	0.27	6.48	3.69	32.95	34.35
	Clarksville	93	59	5	0.46	7.58	3.57	36.54	33.15
	Dardanelle	95	57	5	1.31	3.98	3.26	37.31	34.61
	Ft. Smith	95	60	4	0.69	6.08	3.32	31.80	31.56
	Mena	92	57	5	0.54	6.40	4.52	40.05	41.40
	Ozark	92	57	4	0.69	10.52	3.38	42.46	32.07
Central	Conway	95	58	6	0.00	2.60	3.40	32.64	34.45
	Hot Springs	98	57	6	0.06	1.73	3.67	35.07	40.84
	Little Rock	98	58	7	0.00	1.31	3.41	26.63	36.10
	Morrilton	98	57	4	0.43	2.79	2.96	35.76	33.69
	N. Little Rock	97	59	5	0.43	1.24	3.29	34.55	35.00
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E. Central	Brinkley	95	57	7	0.00	2.45	2.76	25.13	36.15
	Marianna	98	55	8	0.00	0.97	2.90	28.97	38.40
	Stuttgart	99	58	7	0.00	0.63	2.57	24.41	34.98
	West Memphis	97	55	7	0.00	0.25	3.05	34.22	38.33
Southwest	DeQueen	94	56	3	0.42	1.25	3.99	29.12	38.61
	Норе	95	58	6	0.58	2.76	3.75	26.28	38.95
	Texarkana	93	61	3	0.99	3.24	3.10	23.36	33.24
S. Central	Camden	99	60	7	1.03	1.98	3.28	25.18	38.33
5. Central	El Dorado	99 97	60	6	0.00	0.16	3.28	27.89	40.31
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	Warren	91	39	3	0.00	0.64	3.38	27.72	40.45
Southeast	Eudora	101	65	9	0.36	0.49	2.49	30.50	41.88
	Monticello	99	61	8	0.08	0.47	2.93	27.27	40.73
	Pine Bluff	100	58	7	0.66	1.05	2.92	24.77	37.68
	Rohwer	98	58	7	0.21	0.23	2.67	31.26	37.77

^{*} Departure from normal = $(\underline{\text{high} - \text{low}}) - 30$ year average 2

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